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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

6:00 p.m.

City of Huntington Beach
Civic Center Council Chambers
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Chair Tomaino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Rechsteiner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Hubbard; Albert Gasparian; Bridget Kaub; Jay Kreitz; Roy Miller; Brian Rechsteiner; Nick Tomaino; Norm Westwell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Burkart (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Slama; Rob Frizzelle; Bob Stachelski; Darren Sam; Janeen Laudenback; David Dominguez; Mary Loadsman

PRESENTATIONS:

Parks Make Life Better! Month - Recreation Supervisors Chris Slama and Rob Frizzelle provided an update on the goals for the "Parks Make Life Better!" campaign introduced in 2012, and presented City Beach parking certificates to the Parks Make Life Better! Photo Contest winners Duke Swarts, Nikki Smith, Chris Tobin and the Lincoln Nguyen family.

City of Huntington Beach Bicycle Master Plan – Darren Sam, Public Works Transportation Engineer, provided an overview of the proposed City of Huntington Beach Bicycle Master Plan noting four areas of the plan: Plan Goals, Existing Conditions, Remediation of Existing Conditions and Potential New Facilities. Bob Stachelski, Public Works Senior Transportation Engineer, answered Commission questions and asked that additional plan comments be sent to Dominguez.

MINUTES:

Motion: Moved by Hubbard and seconded by Kaub to approve the Community Services Commission minutes dated June 12, 2013.

Ayes: Hubbard; Kaub, Kreitz; Miller; Rechsteiner; Tomaino; Westwell

Abstain: Gasparian

Absent: Burkart

Motion passed (7-0, 1 Absent, 1 Abstain)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DIRECTOR'S ITEM: Dominguez reported the City Council approved going forward with the contract for the DLR group to finalize plans and specifications for a new senior center in Huntington Central Park. Dominguez also mentioned that the Community Services Commission composition went before City Council at the last Council meeting. Several Commission members voiced that all of the school districts should continue to be represented, including the college district. Dominguez responded that Council could be provided with an alternate action that would keep all of the districts represented. Westwell noted there is a Joint-Use Agreement from 1985 between the City and Ocean View, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach City School Districts that defines the make-up of the Commission and stipend requirement. Dominguez responded that he was not familiar with the 1985 agreement Westwell referred to, but, he would follow-up accordingly.

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING:

Worthy Community Park Reconfiguration and Master Plan Update – Dominguez reiterated the purpose of the meeting is a study session to obtain Commission and public input on potential park uses at Worthy Community Park. He reviewed a proposed conceptual plan noting the former racquetball facility would be removed, the existing ball field would remain, improvements to grass areas including a multi-use practice field, restroom facility, installation of a park sign and monument sign improvements, addition of a picnic shelter, modernization of the tot-lot, court improvements and general enhancement of the current facilities. Dominguez explained that in cooperation with the school district, there would be no skate park element for the plan. After comments are received, the plan will be brought before Commission at the meeting in August and move to City Council for final approval.

Westwell asked if the property lines for the school district and park have been surveyed. Dominguez responded that property lines are defined per the legal description and property map. Miller responded on behalf of the school district, noting that prior to improvements by the district, the property lines were scrutinized. Miller also asked that as many restrooms as possible be available at the park. Dominguez said staff would review options to add as many restrooms as possible and look at a trash enclosure as a planning option. Rechsteiner added that perhaps multi-use restrooms similar to restrooms at the beach could be looked at. Dominguez explained that the number of restrooms and potential improvements would be limited to funding options and that staff would look at phasing the improvements if need be.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Central Park Parking Lot Improvements – Dominguez reported through Public Works the parking lot area off of Slater Avenue and near Goldenwest Street behind Armstrong Nursery is undergoing improvements to alleviate flooding in the area.

Triangle Park Plaque – Dominguez reported the City Council approved the concept of a monument sign and plaque at Triangle Park and that the Historic Resources Board (HRB) is looking at funding sources for the sign installation. Dominguez will work with the HRB for placement of the monument sign.

Bike Racks at Beach – Dominguez reported Eagle Scout Mitchel Anderson and volunteers completed installation of new bike racks at the City Beach near the Junior Lifeguard Building. The dedication is scheduled for Friday, July 12th at 4PM at the Junior Lifeguard Headquarters.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS:

Acting Director Janeen Laudenback thanked the Commissioners their service and expressed her appreciation for their input and guidance. She reported Chief Kyle Lindo is retiring and that Lt. Mike Baumgartner will be serving as the Acting Chief. She also explained that the Marine Safety Division will be re-aligned to the Fire Department for the upcoming fiscal year, and that Beach Operations and Specific Events would continue under Community Services.

Commissioners voiced concern over the proposed changes to the Commission, noting that their contributions and service on the Commission are non-biased and serve the citizens and community of Huntington Beach. They also voiced support for continuation of the College District representation.

- 1) Miller spoke in support of keeping the College District representation on the Commission, indicating Gasparian's importance to the Commission.
- 2) Gasparian commented that it would be prudent for the City to consider having College District representation due to the development planned with the Beach/Edinger corridor.
- 3) Kreitz expressed a concern for the Commission to become politicized if district representation was removed.
- 4) Rechsteiner spoke in support of keeping the current district representation.

- 5) Kaub stated that the current Commissioners have historical knowledge and unbiased perspectives.
- 6) Hubbard spoke in favor of keeping the Commission composition “as-is”.
- 7) Westwell asked to receive information about the water quality for Talbert Lake and Huntington Lake. He also voiced that the relationship between the Ocean View School District and City of Huntington Beach is “awful” and asked that the property lines be reviewed for OVSD schools with adjacent City parks.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED TO COMMISSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

David C. Dominguez, Secretary, Community Services Commission

By: Mary Loadsman, Recording Secretary